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PUBLIC INVITED TO WATCH GRIZ CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AT FREE PARTIES

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will offer two venues for the public to gather and watch the Montana Grizzlies play the Dukes of James Madison University in the NCAA Division I-AA national championship game Friday night.

Free parties will be held at the University Center Theater and Southgate Mall. Drawings will be held for lots of Griz logo items, and snacks and beverages will be provided. Either venue is suitable for families.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the University Center Theater, located on the third floor of the University Center, where the game will be shown on the movie screen.

Co-sponsored by UM, the Southgate Mall party also gets under way at 5:30 p.m. at Sears Court, with a big-screen television provided by Sears. Chairs will be set up for viewers.

Although the mall stores close before the game ends, merchants carrying Griz logo wear will reopen their doors if the team wins and sell championship merchandise, said Trisha Piedalue, Southgate Mall marketing director.

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